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SUBJECT REPORTED DETENTION OF ISRAELI CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA

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1. ISRAELI AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES HAVE RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT SEVERAL YOUNG ISRAELI AND CANADIAN NATIONALS, BEACKPACKING ACROSS THE CHILEAN-ARGENTINE BORDER, WERE DETAINED AND QUESTIONED IN THE MENDOZA AREA BY ARGENTINE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THESE NATIONALS WERE REPORTEDLY RELEASED AFTER A FATHER HARROWING EXPERIENCE. AFFESTS TOOK PLACE DURING HIEGHTENED ARGENTINE SURVEILLANCE OF BORDER AREAS DURING CONFRONTATION WITH CHILE.

2. SINCE CANADIAN BACKPACERS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED EQUALLY BAD TREATMENT BY ARGENTINE MILITARY, WE DO NOT SEE ANY ANTI-SEMITIC OVERTURES IN THESE ARRESTS. INCIDENTS APPEAR TO REFLECT NOTHING MORE THAN ARGENTINE ZEALOUS-NESS AND HEAVY-HANDEDNESS IN SEARCHING FOR CHILEAN SPIES.

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